

Resolution to Support Faculty Rights of Academic Freedom

Whereas a City College professor was directed to remove displayed student work regarding the ongoing conflict and turmoil in Israel-Palestine;

Whereas the ASCCC, as “the official voice of California community college faculty in academic and professional matters” released a report on the issue of academic freedom, stating that the definition of academic freedom should be based on the American Association of University Professors’ (AAUP) definition which advocates against ‘institutional censorship or discipline’ in their extramural speech.” The report also states that “a faculty divided against itself undermines academic and professional standards, impairs working conditions, and damages the educational integrity of the institution”; and

Whereas faculty reserve the right to teach material critical of settler colonialist policies and any governments that engage in human rights violations;

Be it resolved that the San Diego Community College District reaffirm their commitment to the protection of [academic freedom and freedom of speech](#)¹ as stated in BP 3900 despite calls to censor discussions about Israel, Palestine and other difficult topics on college campuses around the world.

Be it resolved there will be no silencing, censoring, intimidation and/or retaliation for speaking out against or critiquing apartheid and/or genocide.

Be it resolved that we, the Academic Senate of Miramar College, call on College and District administration to support and advocate for faculty rights of Academic Freedom.

¹BP 3900 – Posting And Distribution Of Literature, Political Activities, Free Speech And Freedom Of Expression On Campus And District Sites

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